IN THE CLAIMS:

13. (Currently Amended) A clamping element, comprising:

a machine part having a grooved rail with an undercut groove defining an insertion area and a ~~grove~~ groove base, the insertion area being narrower than the groove base;

a parallelogram sliding block having side surfaces defining an insertion dimension, said sliding block being adapted to be arranged inside said groove of said grooved rail between said insertion area and said groove base thereof;

a cam rail having at least a lower rail part and a web extending at a right angle with respect to said lower rail part;

a blocking member connected to said sliding block, said blocking member being adapted to be arranged outside said groove of grooved rail on the opposite side of said insertion area of said groove with respect to said sliding block;

said blocking member having a stop face abutting at said cam rail for fixing said cam rail at said grooved rail of said machine part by at least locally overlapping said lower rail part for clamping said cam rail to said machine part with said lower rail part abutting said grooved rail and with said sliding block inserted into said groove base; wherein said blocking member is provided with a blocking member groove and wherein said cam rail has a protruding portion extending into said blocking member groove, said blocking member groove and said protruding portion are adapted to cooperate with each other for the positive lateral fixing of said cam rail to said blocking member.

14. (Previously Presented) A clamping element according to claim 13, wherein said side surfaces include first parallel side surfaces spaced apart by a distance substantially corresponding to a width of said undercut groove insertion area.

15. (Previously Presented) A clamping element according to claim 13, wherein said side surfaces include parallel side surfaces spaced apart by a distance substantially corresponding to a width of said groove base.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A device for fixing a cam rail to a machine part, the device comprising:

a grooved rail with an undercut groove defining an insertion area and a groove base, said grooved rail being connected to or part of ~~the~~ said machine part, ~~the~~ said insertion area being narrower than the groove base;

parallelogram sliding block having side surfaces defining an insertion dimension, said sliding block being arranged inside said groove of said grooved rail between said insertion area and said groove base thereof;

a cam rail having at least a lower rail part and a web extending at a right angle with respect to said lower rail part, said web having a grooved rail facing side and an opposite stop face;

a blocking member connected to said sliding block, said blocking member being arranged outside said groove of said grooved rail on the opposite side of said insertion area of said groove with respect to said sliding block,

said blocking member having a stop face abutting at said cam rail stop face for fixing said cam rail at said grooved rail of said machine part by at least locally overlapping said lower rail part for clamping said cam rail to said machine part with said lower rail part abutting said grooved rail and with said sliding block inserted into said groove base,

wherein said blocking member is provided with a blocking member groove and wherein said cam rail has a protruding portion extending into said blocking member groove, said blocking member groove and said protruding portion are adapted to cooperate with each other for the positive lateral fixing of said cam rail to said blocking member.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~clamping element~~ device according to claim 17, wherein said side surfaces include parallel side surfaces spaced apart by a distance substantially corresponding to a width of said groove base.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A clamping arrangement for fixing a cam rail to a machine part, the clamping arrangement comprising:

a grooved rail with an undercut groove defining an insertion area and a groove base

with side walls, said grooved rail being connected to or part of the said machine part, the said insertion area being narrower than the groove base;

a sliding block having first side surfaces defining an insertion dimension that is narrower than said groove base of said grooved rail and said sliding block having second side surfaces defining a fixation dimension, said sliding block being arranged inside said groove of said grooved rail between said insertion area and said groove base thereof;

a cam rail with a lower rail part, a web extending at a right angle to said lower rail part, and a cam rail stop face;

a blocking member connected to said sliding block, said blocking member being arranged outside said groove of said grooved rail on the opposite side of said insertion area of said groove with respect to said sliding block, said blocking member having a stop face abutting said cam rail stop face and having a protrusion at least locally overlapping said lower rail part for fixing said cam rail at said grooved rail of said machine part with said lower rail part abutting said grooved rail and with said sliding block inserted into said groove base with said second side surfaces engaging said side walls,

wherein said blocking member is provided with a blocking member groove and wherein said cam rail lower part has a protruding portion extending into said blocking member groove, said blocking member groove and said protruding portion providing a positive lateral fixing of said cam rail to said blocking member.

21. (Previously Presented) A clamping arrangement according to claim 20, wherein

said side surfaces include first parallel side surfaces spaced apart by a distance substantially corresponding to a width of said undercut groove.

22. (Previously Presented) A clamping arrangement according to claim 20, wherein said side surfaces include parallel side surfaces spaced apart by a distance substantially corresponding to a width of said groove base.

23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A device according to claim 17, wherein said cam rail lower part has said protruding portion extending into said blocking member groove.